Name of the MOU signing PSU	Production target 1994-95 (Lakh MT urea/nitrogen)
1. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	18.28 (urea)
2. National Fertilizers Ltd.,	10.19 (nitrogen)
3. Madras Fertilizers Ltd.	2.62 (urea)
4. Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd.,	2.56 (nitrogen)

(c) The demand of urea for the year 1994-95 has been assessed at about 167 lakh tonnes. The target for urea production for the year has been fixed as 145.2 lakh tonnes. The gap between the demand and indigenous production would be met from the balance stocks of the last year and imports.

Functions of M/S. HOECHST and M/s. GLAXO

3066. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3013 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994, and state:

(a) whether M / s Hoechst, Germany and M/s. Glaxo, UK have been supplying Cefotaxim Sodium and Cephaloridine to their subsidiaries in India;

(b) whether CIF price of Cefotaxim Sodium was increased from Rs. 25676 per kg. in 1990-91 to Rs. 37654 per kg. in 1992-93 and of Cephaloridine Sodium from Rs. 13199 to Rs. 28405 per kg. during the same period and if so, what are the reasons;

(c) whether it is also a fact that both these drugs are outside price control then in what manner the price control is being exercised; and

(d) whether the Ministry is taking any step to enquire into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Imports of drugs by individual companies are not monitored. Prices of imported commodities are dependent upon various factors prevailing in the international market like price in the country of origin, exchange rate fluctuations, size of consignment, terms of credit etc. As both these drugs are outside price control, their prices are not fixed by the Government.

Import of Drugs

3067. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3012 given in Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994, and state:

(a) whether import statistics are being maintained by the Office of the DC(I) and the Ministry is being provided with such details: and

(b) if so, what was the variation in the import prices of such drugs during 1992-93 and 1993-94 and what were the causes of such variation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Drug Prices

3068. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3014 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CIF import prices of all the imported drugs have already registered substantial increases; and

(b) if not, what was the quantity and CIF import price of 20 leading bulk drugs and 20 leading intermediates from 1990-91 upto 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Impact of Trips Agreement on Drugs

3069. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3015 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irrespective of transition period prices of bulk drugs and

intermediates, which would immediately get patented outside would go up, if so, to what extent and what are the basis of analysis;

(b) whether it is a fact that once product patent comes into force, even underdeveloped country like India cannot import without paying to the patenter;

(c) whether it is a fact that full impact of the TRIPS agreement have not been analysed, and if so, the reasons thereof and if any study has been made, what is the outcome; and

(d) whether it is a fact that prices of imported bulk drugs and formulations have already started rising and if so, what was the quantity and CIF import price of top ten bulk drugs and top ten formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The likely impact on the prices of the drugs which may come into the market in the early years of the next century on the basis of the product patent granted to the new chemical entities after the coming into force of the Dunkel Text of the GATT agreement will, however, depend on a number of factors; including the nature of the availability of therapeutic equivalent substitute non-patented drugs in the market, licensing and marketing strategies adopted by the patent holders, including the option of local manufacture.

Variation in prices charged by M/s Rhone Poulanc & M/s Wockhardt

3070. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3018 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WOCKHARDT is charging a price which is almost 28% higher than the price of Rhone Poulanc for Pefloxacin, if so, what is the break up of both the companies provided as per price control;

(b) what are the guidelines for monitoring and what the Monitory Department are supposed to do in such cases;

(c) the reasons for not fixing limit of MAPE even in case of decontrolled formulations instead of resorting to ineffective monitoring; and

(d) whether it is a fact that as per the Ministry's information notified prices are being followed for listed brands of Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazole, what are the reasons for different prices in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) As per the information submitted by M/s. Wockhardt and M/s. Rhone Poulenc, the price of the formulation is Rs. 28/- and Rs. 22/- respectively for 4 tablets of Pefloxacin 400 mg. However, as already stated in the reply to the Rajya Sabha USQ No. 3018 dated 17.3.94, Pefloxacin formulations are outside price control.

(b) and (c) As these formulations are not under price control, no MAPE is fixed.

(d) In case of ceiling packs, the prices notified are exclusive of excise duty and the local taxes. For the non ceiling packs, the prices notified include excise duty, but are exclusive of local taxes. The retail prices, therefore, may very from company to company and place to place depending on excise duty payable and the local taxes.

Life Saving Drugs Produced by M/S Ranbaxy

3071. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/S. Ranbaxy Indian Drug Manufacturing Co. has been manufacturing many life saving drugs at an affordable cost to benefit the common man;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what incentives Government have given or propose to give to it under its various schemes;

(c) whether the company is also involved in the inhouse R & D activities to improve the quality of drugs produced by it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what incentives Government propose to give them to encourage the company?